

PESTICIDE ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on May 4th, 2018 at the Richard Cronin Building located at 1 Rabbit Hill Road in Westborough, MA.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

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| Bob Mann, National Landscape Association of Landscape Professionals | Present |
| Jarred DeBettencourt, Minuteman Pest Control | Present |
| Bob Leon, General Environmental Services & New England Pest Management Association | Present |
| George Williams, Univar | Present |
| Russ Bragg, Tree Tech | Present |

The Council did meet or exceed the minimum number (5) of members present to form a quorum and conduct business.

OTHER INDIVIDUALS PRESENT:

Taryn LaScola, Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources
Jessica Burgess, Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources

DOCUMENT(S) PRESENTED:

Agenda
M.G.L.c. 132B Section 10
333 CMR, Section 10

A. INTRODUCTIONS:

The Council went around the room and provided information about them.

Bob Mann began working for a lawn care company and really enjoyed it. He eventually had his own business for 10 years and sold to Lawn Dawg. Once Lawn Dawg was sold to TruGreen, he left the company and he began working for the National Landscape Association of Landscape Professionals in government relations.

Jarred Debettencourt has been in pest control business for 24 years. Minuteman Pest Control is a local, family owned company out of Northampton. In 2017 he became an entomologist. He wanted to become involved in the council so that he could be informed and also being a voice for the industry and industry in Western MA.

Bob Leon began working for a pest control company and fell in love with it. Over the years he has managed every aspect of the pest control business. He really likes to work on projects like the Council to help see the industry grow.

George Williams has been in this business for 30 years. He is a certified entomologist. He began his career working for a pest control company. He went back and forth between working in sales for pesticide Dealer Company and a pest control company. He currently works as a Technical Rep. for Univar.

Russel Bragg is a certified arborist and worked for many years as a crew leader. He also had his own nursery for some time. When it closed he began working at Tree Tech. He formally ran the “spray” program. He is ISA certified and is looking forward to representing applicators on the Council.

B. ROLE OF THE ADVISORY BOARD:

T. LaScola reviewed the role of Advisory Council and procedures which included the following information:

- The terms are for 3 years and you cannot serve more than three consecutive terms.
- The Councils role is to represent the perspective of the council to the Pesticide Board (Board). This council is categorized under the “other” category under 333 CMR Section 4.03(6). This council is tasked with representing pesticide applicators within their respective industry. The Council can review programs/policies and of the board and make recommendation. The Council can also do the same with the regulations.
- Meetings can be held as frequently as decided. It was suggested that set dates be placed and that the council meets prior to the Board meetings. In addition, a meeting can take place at the call of Chair or at the written request of two members.
- The Council can vote on some “Standard Procedures” such as: time, place and frequency of meetings. It was generally agreed to meet prior to each Board meeting at the Department of Fish and Game location in Westborough.
- The Department will assist with the administrative duties of the meetings such as posting agendas, minutes, scheduling etc. along with providing whatever information the Council asks of the Department.
- The Council is allowed to discuss whatever topics they wish. It does not need to for a directive from the Pesticide Board and/or the Department.
- The Department will be putting the Advisory Council update on the Pesticide Board agenda

C. OPEN MEETING LAW REVIEW

J. Burgess reviewed the open meeting law. There was discussion relative to the rules of a quorum and how they apply to meetings, trainings, the Pesticide Board meeting, and emails. It was cautioned to remember that if three members meet or if emailing, that Council issues should not be discussed as this could be a violation of the open meeting law. Due to the fact that several of the Council Members attend the New England Pest Management Association meetings, it was suggested that if NEMPA would like the Council to address anything at a meeting, that concerns/issues be directed to only the Chairman. The Chair can then raise the concern/issue at a Council meeting and/or have T. LaScola put on the agenda.

An overview of how minutes will be developed was discussed and included the fact that the Council will be able to review and then vote to approve them.

Remote Participation was quickly discussed, but not voted on. It will be placed on the next agenda.

D. ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON:

Motion: Williams nominated Bob Leon to be the Chairperson;

Seconded: Russ Bragg

Favor: All

Opposed: None

E. CONSUMER INFORMATION BULLETIN/LICENSING REQUIREMENTS

Consumer Information Bulletins: There was discussion about the fact that some of the Consumer Information Bulletins have not been updated recently. G. Williams stated that he would provide comments to T.LaScola so that MDAR may work to update them.

Licensing: G. Williams asked if MDAR would be willing to look at the catch basin permit requirements and expand it out to all licenses. It was explained that the catch basin permit language was inserted into the statute (M.G.L.c. 132B). There was discussion relative to the different ways licensing requirements could be changed, either through statute or regulation. If changing regulation, MDAR/Pesticide Board is able to do that, however changing legislation is done outside of MDAR.

There was a much broader discussion involving the following:

- Apprenticeships

- Hands on training prior to test taking

- Additional exam for applicators as an "Interim" license

G. Williams stated he would review what other states are doing relative to this issue.

These discussions lead to discussion about licensing companies and the positive and negative effects it may have on the industry. B. Mann stated that he had information on how New York registers companies and would bring the information to the next meeting. There was also discussion about the fact that MDAR does not have the ability to keep the fees that it collects and that it would not be able to do so unless specified by legislation

F. NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting was scheduled for September 26th at the Richard Cronin Building from 10am-12pm.

G. MEETING ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: B. Leon made a motion to adjourn

G. Williams: Second

In Favor: All

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:05pm